

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 15-18 are now pending in the application. Claims 10-14 are withdrawn. Claims 1 and 15-17 are amended. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful examination of the presented claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow claims 1-9 and 15-18 in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ELECTION

As discussed with the Examiner by telephone, Applicant elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-9 and 15-18. Applicant respectfully submits that examining all the claims, *i.e.*, claims 1-18, would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner.

AMENDED CLAIMS

The Examiner has pointed to minor informalities in claims 1 and 15. Accordingly, claims 1 and 15 are amended by deleting language beginning with "such as" from the claims. Dependent claims 16 and 17, which recite a method described in independent claim 15, are amended to depend from claim 15. Therefore, claims 1-9 and 15-18 should now be in condition for allowance.

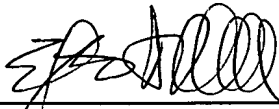
CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will

expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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